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SUBJECT: BANANAS:POSSIBLE PROPOSAL FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER
AGREEMENT

1. HERNAN VALLEJO, FORMER GOC AGRICULTURE MINISTER AND
PRESENTLY COORDINATOR OF THE ORGANIZATION OF BANANA
PRODUCING COUNTRIES (UPEB) CALLED ON AMB JULY 22
TO DISCUSS HIS VIEWS REGARDING A POSSIBLE PRODUCER
CONSUMER AGREEMENT ON BANANAS.

2. NOTING WEAK ECONOMIC POSITION OF BANANA PRODUCERS,
HE STATED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE ADEQUATE INCOME
LEVELS BY STABILIZING RETURNS ON THEIR ONLY REAL RESOURCE.
AT PRESENT THERE WAS OVERPRODUCTION, THE MARKET WAS IN
CHAOS DUE TO COMPETITION BETWEEN THE MAJOR BANANA
COMPANIES, AND THERE WERE REPORTS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES
SUCH AS BRAZIL MIGHT BEGIN LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION AND
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EXPORT. VALLEJO THOUGHT THE ONLY REMEDY WAS AGREEMENT

BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS TO STABILIZE TH MARKET
AT A PRICE THAT WOULD BE EQUITABLE TO BOTH. TO CONCLUDE
SUCH AN AGREEMNT, THE COOPERATION OF THE U.S. WOULD BE
ESSENTIAL.

3. IN TERMS OF TACTICS, VALLEJO SAID THAT HE WAS ORGANIZING
A PRODUCER SEMINAR TO TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER. HE WAS
CONSIDERING USING THAT MEETING TO SOUND OUT PRODUCERS
ON THE POSSIBLE OUTLINES OF A PRODUCER/CONSUMER ARRANGEMENT.
IF THIS STEP WERE SUCCESSFUL THE PRODUCERS MIGHT THEN
APPROACH THE U.S. PERHAPS USING THE GOOD OFFICES OF OAS
SECRETARY GNERAL ORFILA.

4. VALLEJO ACKNOWLEDGED THE MANY DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED
IN ATTEMPTING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BUT THOUGHT IT WORTH
THE EFFORT. HE CLEARLY HAS NOT YET THOUGHT OUT THE DETAILS
AND SPOKE ONLY IN GENERALITIES.
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